

## House Republican Press Release

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### Scribner Opposes Democrats' Huge Tax Increase



HARTFORD- State Representative David Scribner (R-Brookfield) opposed a proposed 13 percent increase in the two-year state budget as a member of the legislature's Finance Revenue and Bonding Committee. He noted the excessive raising of taxes by \$1.1 billion, and the shattering of the state constitutional spending cap by \$434 million as his primary reasons for opposing the measure.

Scribner voted against the Democrat-proposed budget that would spend \$31.8-billion, or \$647 million more than Governor M. Jodi Rell's biennial budget.

According to Scribner, the Tax Foundation in Washington calculates that Connecticut residents already pay the largest combined federal, state and local taxes per capita in America. The Tax Foundation estimates that Connecticut taxpayers work until May 3 to pay their taxes, the longest of any state, before they can have funds to pay living expenses for themselves and their families.

If these tax increase are passed, noted Scribner, the legislative majority Democrats will have increased taxes since 2002 by more than \$2 billion.

"This is a tremendous burden that legislative Democrats intend to saddle Connecticut's taxpayers with," said Representative Scribner. "It is an unbelievable and irresponsible combination of tax increases and spending increases which shows what little regard Democrats have for Connecticut taxpayers and businesses. Further, their flouting of the constitutional spending cap shows they have little regard for the law either."

The Finance Committee approved the increased spending plan today, and Governor Rell stated she opposes the proposal and will not sign an emergency declaration that is required for the budget to exceed the spending cap.